

Herminia lunalis (Scop.)=*tarsiplumalis* Hb.
(Lep.: Noctuidae) New to the British Isles

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Early in 1977, I was looking through a small collection of lepidoptera formed by Mr. William Parker of Maidenhead, which included a fanfoot which I could not immediately identify. This specimen Mr. Parker took at the end of August 1976 in a m.v. trap near Maidenhead. Reference to Hoffmeyer (1949: 328-29, plt. 25, fig. 7) which has a coloured illustration of the insect, indicated that the species might be referable to *Zanclognatha tarsiplumalis* (Hb.). This identification was later confirmed at the British Museum (Nat. Hist.), where the modern nomenclature for *Z. tarsiplumis*=*Herminia lunalis* (Scop.) was also established.

It is interesting to note that the existence of this species in England was predicted by Pelham-Clinton (1966: 4). The area from where it was taken lies close to the M4 motorway, but is nonetheless quite isolated and entomologically unknown. In 1977, search for further specimens was unsuccessful, but this may not be significant as many likely sites remained unworked owing to lack of time and poor weather. On the other hand, it is quite likely of course that the specimen may have been a casual immigrant. Abroad the species has a very wide distribution, ranging through Europe to Siberia and Japan. According to Lhomme (1927-28: 332), it occurs throughout France and much of Belgium, but is rare in the latter country.

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